

Frequently asked questions

Q: Why choose laboratory-based oral fluid drug testing?

A: Oral fluid testing offers confidential lab-based drug test results from a minimally invasive, observed collection. It is excellent at detecting recent drug use because it can screen for soon after use.

By using oral fluid instead of urine drug testing, employers can oversee their donors as they collect their own oral fluid specimens. The nature of an observed collection may help reduce the likelihood of tampering or a donor challenge later in the drug testing process.

Q: What drug testing situations are best suited to an oral fluid drug test?

A: Oral fluid testing is ideal for a broad range of testing situations ranging from pre-employment, to reasonable suspicion, to post-accident testing where the employer is

Q: Quest Diagnostics Employer Solutions is transitioning to a new oral fluid device, Quantisal. Why are we transitioning away from Oral-Eze?

A: Over the past 2

Q: What is the detection window for drugs in oral fluid?

A: While every drug and donor are different, oral fluid is widely regarded as the most reliable specimen type for detecting recent use. Oral fluid can detect most drugs starting soon after ingestion and extending out for 24-48 hours after use.

Q: How does the detection window for oral fluid compare with urine testing?

A: Just like traditional urine testing, the window of detection in oral fluid is different for each drug. Like urine drug testing, oral fluid testing detects recent drug use and may also identify very recent usage that may be missed by urine testing. For most drugs, the maximum window of detection in oral fluid is about 1 to 2 days. In contrast, urine testing detects drugs, some drugs for a slightly longer period of time (1 to 3 days). Moreover, oral fluid testing may detect drug use 1 to 2 hours after ingestion/use while urine testing usually requires 2-6 hours to detect use after ingestion/use.

Q: Is the Quantisal test FDA-listed?

A: Yes. The Quantisal collection device is FDA 510K cleared.

Q: Who collects an oral fluid drug test specimen?

A: One of the advantages of an oral fluid collection is that the donor controls his or her specimen

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Q: How are the results reported?

A: As with all laboratory-based testing, oral fluid drug test results are recorded in the laboratory information system and reported to the client by confidential fax, direct interface (e.g., web services), web reporting via Employer Solutions Portal (ESP).

Q: If an oral fluid test is non-negative and confirmed positive, what steps are taken to verify for prescription use or misuse?

A: Non-Officer (MRO). However, an MRO